



## **SRS Citizens Advisory Board**

Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee

### **Meeting Record**

**January 26, 1998**

**Holiday Inn, Hilton Head, SC**

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The Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Risk Management and Future Use Subcommittee (RM&FU) meeting was held on January 26, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Hilton Head. Savannah River Site CAB members attending were Beaurine Wilkins, Bill Adams and P. K. Smith. Members of the public attending were George Minot, Wade Waters, Ray Johnson and Lynn Waishwell. Gary Little from the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) attended as the Associated Deputy Designated Federal Official. Jim Brownlow attended as a representative of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Camilla Warren and Laurie Hunt attended as representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. The Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) attendees were Chris Noah and Jim Moore.

P. K. Smith, RM&FU Subcommittee co-chairperson, welcomed all the attendees and had them introduce themselves. P.K. handed out a copy of the draft resolution on deed restriction. The motion was titled "Industrial Areas Within SRS". This is a joint motion of the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (ER&WM) Subcommittee and the RM&FU Subcommittee. P.K. asked those in attendance to review the draft motion and respond back if there were any comments.

P. K. Smith recommended that a working group of the subcommittee be formed to review the risk analysis of SRS. The working group would report back to the subcommittee. She reviewed a slide of a presentation made by Lee Poe in a previous ER&WM Subcommittee meeting. A concern was raised that risk communication was not highlighted. It was felt that risk communication was critical to educating the public. An example was used that people in Hilton Head still think tritium is coming down the river. If they think that, we aren't doing a good job. Ms. Warren, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), said a letter was sent to the Site and DOE-HQ expressing concern in several areas of the 1998 budget guidance. It was also stated that the concern was more on a national level than the local level. Ms. Warren stated that SRS semi-listens if EPA has a problem. She stated that SRS usually moves the item up on the Integrated Priority List. A question was asked if people understand all the components of the risk management rankings. It was also stated that there was never feed back from the last risk analysis effort that the CAB did several years ago. P.K. mentioned that it may be necessary to revisit the risk ranking for the 1997 fiscal year. She mentioned that it was not technically a risk assessment. It was discussed that a technical risk assessment was not what was needed. It needs to be a risk assessment that people understand. P.K. stated that the working group would review

the site risk communication, risk assessment, risk ranking and priority list. In addition they would look at how risk is defined in environmental remediation, NEPA, etc. Ms. Warren stated that she could give suggestions to the working group from EPA. It was suggested that the working group may want to pull out the work that CAB previously did and start from there. The individuals representing regulators were asked for their general feeling about the clean up process. Mr. Warren, EPA, stated that it was moving along and that it was fine in spite of everything. Discussions continued about risk communications and the public's need to know. P.K. pointed out that the ER&WM Subcommittee had a meeting and it was not well attended. The information may be out there, but it wasn't evidently communicated right. It was stated that CRESP was developing a fact sheet related to eating fish from the Savannah River. Wade Waters requested a copy of the fact sheet. George Minot and Lynn Waishwell from CRESP, requested to be on the working group. Ms. Warren said she would include a representative of EPA. P. K. Smith stated that Lee Poe and probably Mike French would also be on the committee. P. K. said she would work on getting the working group together.

P. K. Smith handed out some proposed agenda items from Mike French as well as items related to the Accelerated Clean-up Plan, Future Use Plan, FY2000 Budget Development, Comprehensive Plan and others. Included was a current CAB meeting schedule and a 6 month schedule showing all the items on one sheet. The items on the proposed schedule were briefly reviewed. The schedule sheet was very well received. P. K. Smith requested that if anyone had other items that needed to get on the list, please give us a call. When the Future Use Plan was reviewed, there were questions about the previous plan and this plan. It was stated that the previous plan was a report and not a plan. There was some confusion about the change in the name. Discussions fell back on the subject of communications and risk management. It was suggested that we have an all day meeting in July to discuss the issue. P. K. Smith suggested that this was an item that should be taken up with the working group.

P. K. Smith suggested that we try to set up meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month. If we don't need the meeting it can be canceled which is easier than scheduling one. All seemed to agree. When asked where you could find information on WEB site, it was stated that there was access through the internet.

Meeting was adjourned.

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